



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

DETROIT DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS

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IN REPLY REFER TO

Dear Great Lakes Construction Industry Member:

I cordially invite you to join other Great Lakes contractors in Detroit, Michigan on Friday, February 1, 2008 for a discussion of anticipated FY 08 Great Lakes contracts. The Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 Appropriations Bill includes a very robust workload for the Great Lakes Navigation program. At this meeting we will lay out the anticipated FY08 maintenance dredging and structural repair contracts expected from the Buffalo, Chicago, and Detroit Districts this season.

The purpose of the meeting is to present a list of anticipated maintenance dredging and structural repair projects, expected procurement methods, and projected schedules. Due to the significant increase in the number of contracts expected this year we are giving the contractor community an early notification of our expected contracts so you can prepare accordingly. Representatives from Buffalo, Chicago, and Detroit Districts will be available in person at this meeting to answer any specific questions that you may have.

The meeting will be held from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Friday February 1, 2008 at the Detroit District office in the McNamara Federal Building, 477 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, Michigan. The meeting will take place on the 6th Floor in the Lake Superior Conference Room. We will also have call-in capability for this meeting for those who are unable to travel to Detroit. Please confirm your intent to attend either in person or by telephone with Ms. Carla Thornton at (313) 226-2213 or by email at Carla.R.Thornton@usace.army.mil by January 25, 2008.

Details on the meeting including the call-in number and agenda will be available next week on our Great Lakes Navigation webpage at: www.lre.usace.army.mil/greatlakes/navigation. Please feel free to contact Mr. William Merte by phone at (313) 226-2433 or by email at William.D.Merte@usace.army.mil with any questions on the meeting. Also, I encourage you to pass this invitation on to any colleagues who may be interested.

Sincerely,

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